

# **1998 CATTLE, MILK, AND HOG HIGHLIGHTS**

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## **CATTLE**

Cattle marketings totaling 40.1 million pounds, live weight, during 1998, were 12 percent above 1997's revised marketings of 35.9 million pounds. The increase in marketings resulted from a 9,000 head increase in cattle and calves being marketed. Exports, which account for nearly two-thirds of the total, increased 13 percent from 1997 to 44,000 head. The majority of the animals exported were calves weighing less than 500 pounds, live weight. Local commercial slaughter decreased 5 percent to 18,200 head in 1998. The annual average price for all cattle and calves increased to \$42.10 per hundredweight. An increase reflected in both locally sold and exported cattle. Cash revenues for 1998 totaled \$16.9 million, the second year of increase after 5 years of declining revenue. The inventory of cattle and calves on Hawaii's ranches totaled 173,000 head on January 1, 1999. This was 4 percent below 1998 but 1 percent above 1997. Hawaii county, which accounts for nearly 70 percent of the State's total, recorded a 4 percent drop in inventory to 119,800 head.

## **MILK**

Hawaii's dairy cows produced 129.0 million pounds of milk in 1998 compared to 123.0 million pounds produced a year earlier. About 62 percent of the milk was produced on Honolulu county, other counties accounted for the remainder. Statewide revenues for milk sold at the farm level during the year totaled \$33.3 million, 13 percent above the 1997 receipt, and the highest value on record. Producers received \$26.36 per hundredweight for milk delivered to the processors, \$1.65 more than a year ago. The number of milk cows were down 200 head to 8,900 in 1998. The annual average output per cow was 14,494 pounds compared to 13,516 pounds produced in 1997.

## **HOGS AND PIGS**

Hog marketings, during 1998, increased 3 percent to 6.3 million pounds. The increase in marketings is a result of the industry's recovery from the serious infestation of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus that occurred between the later part of 1996 and early 1997. The total number of hogs and pigs slaughtered increased 2,000 head to 35,000. Cash receipts from the sales of hogs and pigs totaled \$5.2 million, an increase of 7 percent from 1997. The total number of hogs and pigs in the State on December 1, 1998 was 29,000 head, unchanged from 1997, but 1,000 head more than 1996. The county of Honolulu, which accounts for almost two-thirds of the State's inventory, had 18,300 head on hand.